The Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance: A Paradigm Shift in Technology Development



Solid State Energy Conversion Alliance Workshop

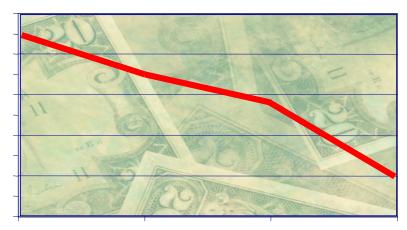
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The Vision: Fuel Cells in 2010



Low Cost \$400/kW



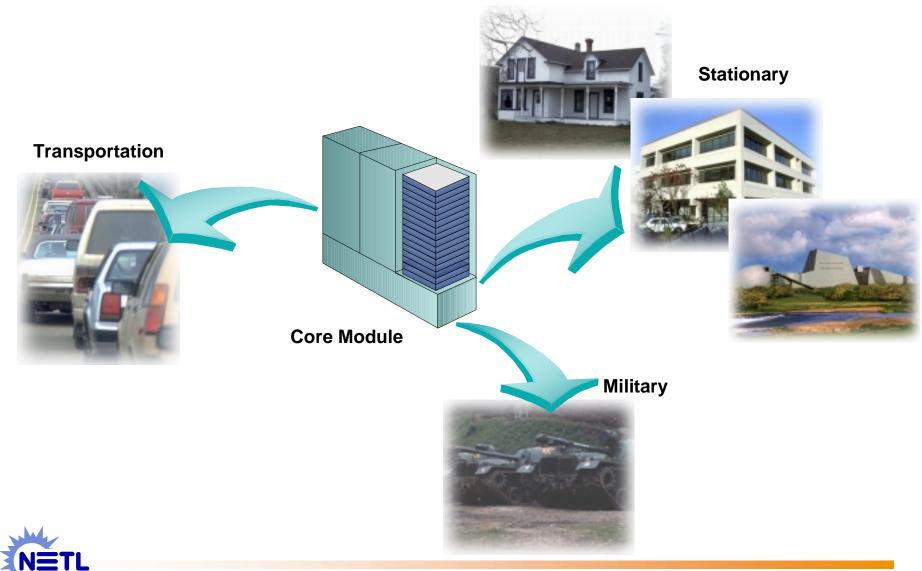
Multiple Fuels



Reduced CO₂ Emissions



The Vision: A Core Module for Multiple Applications



SECA- Realizing the Vision

SECA:

- An alliance of industry teams, R&D performers, and government funding organizations
- Develops an integrated strategy
- Focuses research



SECA Structure



Industry Input



Program Management



Project Management

Research Topics



Industry Integration Teams



Needs

Technology Transfer

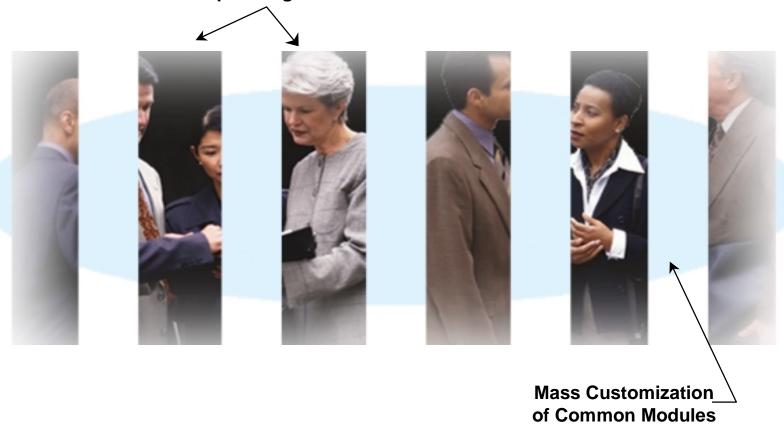


Core Technology Program



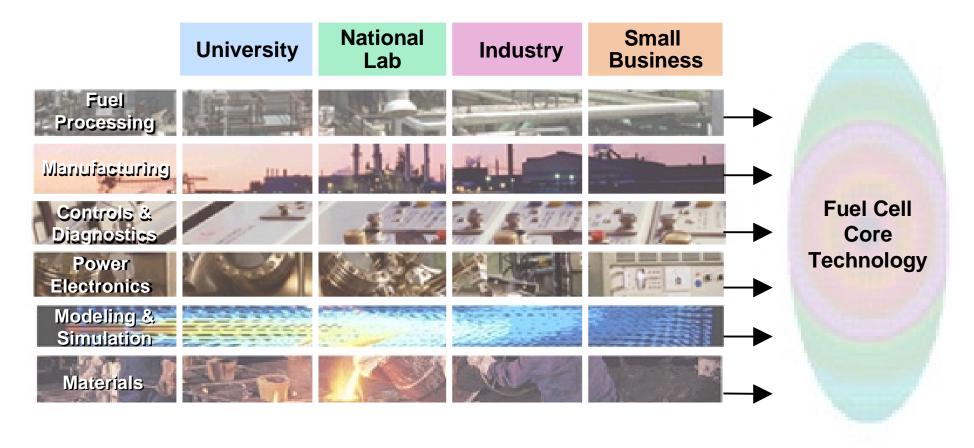
SECA Industry Integration Teams The Manufacturing Base

Multiple Integration Teams





SECA Core Technology Program The Technology Base





Intellectual Property - Cornerstone of the Alliance







Solid State The Choice for the New Millennium

Inherently high efficiency

Couples with high-temperature reforming

Simple and efficient heat removal designs

Low-cost manufacturing



SECA - Now is the Time









Environmental concerns



Status of the Market Stationary



- Major market penetration requires cost ≤ \$400/kW
- Breakthrough technologies needed to reduce costs
- Environmental concerns driving DG to very clean systems



Status of the Market Transportation



- Potentially low system costs operating on available fuels
- Adaptable to standard transportation fuels
- High efficiencies
- Low emissions



Status of the Market *Military*



- Requires high efficiency, low signature power systems
- Fuel logistics are critical
- Electric drives/field power increasingly important

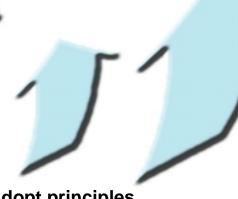


A Paradigm Shift Overcoming the Pull of The Past

Cleaner, more efficient way to use fossil fuels



Start with the end in mind



Industry cooperating across traditional lines

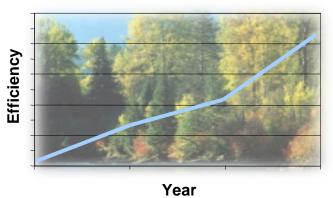


Adopt principles of contemporary system design



Public Benefits

High Efficiency

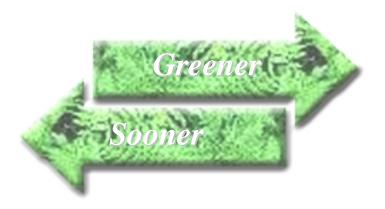


Grid Stability



Cost Reduction







Responding to the Needs of the Nation

"Mass customization of fuel cell components for stationary, mobile, and military applications can lead to mass manufacturing and in turn, to much lower unit costs."

Bob Gee, Assistant Secretary for Fossil Energy





Responding to the Needs of the Nation



